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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER - A.I.D. ASSESSMENT
TEAM VISIT

REF: STATE 086527

1. SUMMARY. A.I.D. TEAM COMPLETED ITS ASSESSMENT OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND OF PRIORITIES FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND HAS RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT PROGRAM IN AREAS OF REPAIRS TO BUILDING, REPLACEMENT OF HOUSING, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, SCHOOL AND SEISMIC FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO A.I.D. APPROVAL AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION. END SUMMARY.

2. A.I.D. TEAM VISITED ROMANIA APRIL 26 - MAY 3, 1977 TO ASSESS EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND TO REVIEW GOR'S RECONSTRUCTION AND HUMANITARIAN PRIORITIES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW BEST THE U.S. COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIA. TEAM VISITED BUCHAREST AND CRAIOVA TO VIEW THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE PARTICULARLY HOUSING, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES, SCHOOLS AND HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. TEAM INCLUDED SELIG A. TAUBENBLATT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, A.I.D./NE/CD (TEAM LEADER), WILLIAM DALTON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASST. DIRECTOR, A.I.D./OFDA, INTS SILINS, STATE/EUR/EE
AND DAVID MANDEL, AID/NE/CD.

3. TEAM CONCLUDED THAT ROMANIAN RECONSTRUCTION AND HUMANITARIAN PRIORITIES CAN BEST BE SUPPORTED BY US ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (1) EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR DEMOLITION AND REPAIR OF DAMAGED BUILDING STRUCTURES, (2)

REPLACEMENT HOUSING, (3) REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITALS, MEDICAL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES WHICH WERE DESTROYED AND/OR SEVERELY DAMAGED DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND (4) SEISMIC EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE EARTHQUAKE. THE GOR REQUESTED AND TEAM AGREED TO SEND FOUR U.S. EXPERTS TO ROMANIA ASAP TO CONSULT WITH GOR ON EVALUATION OF BUILDING DAMAGE AND REPAIR TECHNIQUES FOR ACCOMPLISHING SUCH REPAIR. GOR ALSO PLANS TO SEND A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO US AT ITS OWN EXPENSE TO CONSULT WITH US CONSTRUCTION FIRMS ON NEW TECHNIQUES FOR BUILDING EARTHQUAKE RESISTANT APARTMENTS.

4. EQUIPMENT LISTS WERE PROVIDED BY GOR IN PRIORITY AREAS OF BUILDING REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT HOUSING, HOSPITAL, SCHOOL AND SEISMIC FACILITIES. SUCH EQUIPMENT PROPOSED WILL HAVE TO BE FURTHER REVIEWED BY THE AID TECHNICAL STAFF AS TO APPROPRIATENESS, AVAILABILITY IN THE U.S. ON TIMELY BASIS, AND PRICE. OVERALL, HOWEVER, TEAM FEELS THAT PRIORITIES AND EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED CAN FULLY JUSTIFY UP TO \$20 MILLION RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR ROMANIA. WITHIN \$20 MILLION LEVEL TEAM BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY DOLS 5 - 7 MILLION OF URGENT EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES WHICH COULD BE FINANCED UNDER THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.

5. IN MEETING WITH GOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN, TEAM EMPHASIZED THAT PROGRAM BEING RECOMMENDED WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY STATE/AID AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION AND ENACTMENT OF A SUPPLEMENTAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

6. DETAILED REPORT CONTAINING ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY TEAM AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR STATE/AID REVIEW WHEN TEAM RETURNS. TAUBENBLATT, DALTON, MANDEL ETA WASHINGTON NATIONAL VIA NA 425 AT 8:25 PM.
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